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For: **PROTECTIVE SHEATH COMPRISING A LONGITUDINAL FLEXIBLE MATERIAL STRIP AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SHEATH**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of fees and the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows: